



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE UPDATE

UPDATE ON SEWER MAIN BREAK IN RIO VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD

December 16, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

Following is an update on City operations related to the 54-inch sewer main break, located on Ponce de Leon Drive between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way in the Rio Vista neighborhood.

Repair Activities

- Two pipe tapping saddles and two relief valve saddles have been installed on the 54-inch pipe.
- Concrete was poured around the saddles today to secure them in place.
- Heavy equipment arrived on site today that is being used for the line tapping process.
- Crews began performing a line tap on the eastern tapping saddle this afternoon. The process involves drilling a hole through the saddle and into the 54-inch pipe to prepare it for a line stop that will be installed later.
- Once the eastern line tap is completed, crews will perform a line tap on the western tapping saddle. This process is expected to be completed later this evening.
- Both relief valve saddles will also be tapped and valves will be installed on them that will be used to regulate pressure in the line.
- The contractor is in the final stages of assembling the 36-inch bypass piping that will be used to divert the flow around the damaged section of pipe.

Site Operations

- Neighbors are reminded that this is an active construction site. For the safety of everyone, access to the construction area is limited to appropriate operational and management personnel.
- Tanker and vacuum truck operations continued to remove discharge and transport it to other parts of the wastewater collection system.
- Pumps continued removing discharge from catch basins and manholes in the affected area and diverting it to sewer lines north and south of the break.

Garbage and Recycling Collection for Ponce de Leon Dr. between SE 9 Ave. and SE 12 Way

- Garbage and recycling collection will take place tomorrow, Tuesday, December 17, for properties in the affected area on Ponce de Leon Drive between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way.
- Neighbors are asked to assist by placing their black garbage carts and blue recycling carts where they are easily visible, as close to the roadway as possible, but without blocking traffic on Ponce de Leon Drive. Carts must be placed out by 7:00 a.m.
- Collection service will be for black garbage carts and blue recycling carts only; no green yard waste carts will be collected.
- Neighbors in the affected area with questions about garbage or recycling collection may call the City's 24-Hour Neighbor Call Center at 954-828-8000.

Environmental Cleanup and Aeration

-Cleaning and pressure washing of streets and sidewalks took place today on north side of Ponce de Leon Drive from Carmena Drive to SE 12 Way.

-10 aerators are operating in the Tarpon River and New River to help improve water quality by improving oxygen levels in the water, increasing circulation, breaking down organic matter in the discharge, and helping to control odor.

-Three marine vessels conducted skimming and debris removal today on the waterways in the affected area.

Road Closure

-Ponce de Leon Drive remains closed between SE 9 Avenue and SE 12 Way while the work progresses.

Precautionary Advisory for Water-Related Recreational Activities

-A precautionary advisory for recreational activities in local waterways remains in effect.

-The boundaries are Broward Boulevard to the north, Poinciana Drive to the east, SE 15 Street to the south, and SW 18 Avenue to the west. Residents and businesses should avoid swimming, fishing, jet-skiing, paddle-boarding, kayaking, canoeing, or engaging in any water-related activities within these boundaries.

-To view a map of the precautionary advisory area, please visit <http://bit.ly/35l0DuC>.

-To view the update on the City's website, please visit <http://bit.ly/2rBJhLk>.

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